

ABSTRACT

5 The mimicking of network devices in a  
computing device having first and second network  
interface cards, the first network interface card  
connecting the computing device to an external  
network and the second network interface card  
connecting the computing device to a local network.  
The invention includes receiving an incoming message  
from a client network device residing on the  
10 external network, the incoming message being  
directed to a legacy network device residing on the  
local network, and determining if the incoming  
message requires a function provided by an  
application module residing in the computing device.  
15 In the case that the incoming message requires a  
function provided by the application module, the  
incoming message is redirected to the application  
module which performs the required function in  
response to the incoming message. In the case that  
20 the incoming message does not require a function  
provided by the application module, the incoming  
message is passed through the local network to the  
legacy network device residing on the local network.

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